

## EPA Region 6 – Hurricane Harvey Response General Hotwash

What role did you mostly perform in the response? Env Unit Leader's Deputy

What location did you mostly report to? Dallas, Corpus Christy

What was the approximate length of time that you were involved in this response? 12 days

Are you an OSC, RSC, or non-RSC? Which Regional office/location? RSC, R5 IMT, N-IMAT: Region 5

### REPEAT QUESTIONS AS NEEDED

When answering please take into consideration some of the following topics:

- a) Plans – IAPs, Health and Safety, SOPs, Mobilization/De-mobilization
- b) Command/Control – Roles/Responsibilities, Coordination w/ partners, line of command, tactics
- c) Process – Communication, Documentation, Logistics, Finance, Information Flow
- d) Level of Response – Appropriate size, Correct Personnel, Deliverables

1) What worked well?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Great space in Dallas, ability to have internet and intranet, ability to display DITRA files and plums for ICs</li><li>- R6 support to N-IMAT and our roles was excellent</li><li>- Coordination from R6 Env. Unit was appropriate and correct</li></ul>
2) What is an area of concern?
a) Short description of the problem
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Information flow from field situation/ situ updates (Arkema) was not timely at the beginning, but improved in a few days. Steady and time critical information flow channels establishment is very important and critical during IMAAC modeling in real life responses.</li></ul>
b) What effect does this problem have on EPA R6 operations? (For example: increases costs, delays or prevents accomplishment of mission, other effects)

Could result in delays of mission accomplishment or incomplete accomplishments

c) What should be done to fix this problem?

Env Unit scientists should be able to be incorporated into data/info flow channels (Regional coordinators and operational management get periodic or emergency updates and this info should be immediately shared with Env. Unit to take or recommend scientific or regulatory time critical countermeasures). Establishing a Countermeasure Coordinator's position within Env. Unit or directly under ICs but in tide communication with Env. Unit helps a lot (this recommendation is based on 5 national response experiences).

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